

Macalister, Archibald Byron

Aug. 1915 - Apr. 1916

August 16th, 1915.

The President,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:-

I beg to recommend Dr. Roger J. Manning as Demonstrator in Biochemistry for 1915-1916 at a salary of \$1000.00, out of the \$2000.00 provided for a lecturer in the estimates for the current year.

The remainder of the latter sum is to be kept for another appointee, who will take charge under me, of the two Arts classes, for which Dr. Manning's training does not fully qualify him.

I beg to recommend also the appointment of Miss Marguerite Davis in the position of Laboratory Attendant in Biochemistry for this year only, in place of John Lowndes who is now a prisoner of war at Giessen, Germany, the salary for Miss Davis to be \$500.00. This will leave \$150.00, which, with Lowndes' pay as corporal, will net him on his release as prisoner, the same salary that he received as Laboratory Attendant.

Miss Davis is from the College of Agriculture of the University of Wisconsin and is much better qualified for her work than was Lowndes. She is anxious to get experience here and that is the reason why she accepts the salary mentioned.

Yours sincerely,

A. B. Macallum

January 4th, 1910

Dear Professor Macallum:

I have read the enclosed, but am afraid that he has said a number of things that might be regarded as indiscreet in his circumstances, though it looks to me as if he did not single out any one set of people more than another. I should judge him to be a bit of a free lance.

Yours sincerely,

President.

Professor A. B. Macallum,
University of Toronto.

Toronto, January 11th, /16.

President R.A. Falconer,
The University,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. President,-

I have had great difficulty during the Session so far in getting sufficient help in my Department to meet the requirements for instruction of the students. The reason is that I have been unable to find a sufficient number of qualified persons for the positions.

The situation is becoming very difficult. I have learned, however, that Prof. Gustav Mann, who has lost his post in the University of Tulane, New Orleans, is still unprovided with a position and is looking for appointment to some post in McGill. This post will not be vacant until the beginning of the next Session, and, therefore, he may be available as an assistant in my Department for the remainder of this Session.

I would recommend that he be offered the appointment of Lecturer in Biochemistry for the four months of the Session at a salary of \$1,000, that amount

being still available from the appropriations for salaries for the Department of Biochemistry.

I, of course, am not certain that Prof. Mann will accept, but, as he is my first choice of two possibly available candidates, I think the post should be offered to him. If he refuses, of course I shall have to recommend the other candidate.

Prof. Mann is a British subject and is intensely pro-British, born in India, son of a naturalized British citizen who served as Chief Forester for the Indian Government for thirty years.

Prof. Mann was educated in India and Edinburgh. He served as demonstrator to Prof. Rutherford in Edinburgh for three years and to Prof. Gotch and Prof. Sir John Burdon-Saunders for thirteen years. He was appointed Professor of Physiology in Tulane University in 1908, on the recommendation of Sir Wm. Osler.

He is now 52 years of age, still a most energetic person, an enthusiastic teacher, and there is no doubt in my mind that he will fulfil his duties here to the satisfaction of Prof. Brodie and myself.

I have written him, stating that I am

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suggesting his appointment and stating also that there is no intention whatever of continuing the appointment for the next Session.

His duties, if appointed, should begin next week, and I have informed him to that effect.

I may state that the other possible candidate is Dr. Amos W. Peters, who is an American citizen of German parentage, but who is intensely pro-Ally in his sympathies.

Yours sincerely,

A. B. Macallum

ABM/CC.

Toronto, Jan. 25th, /16.

President R.A. Falconer, C.M.G., Litt.D., &c.
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President,-

As you may probably recall, you had correspondence with Mr. Jno. McDougall, Commissioner of Customs, regarding the free entry into Canada of German books, through Sotheran & Co., 140 Strand, London, W.C., which firm has a license from the British Board of Trade to import books of a scientific or philosophical character.

The Commissioner, in his reply to your letter, stated that the University was allowed to import such German books, through Sotheran & Co.

I and other members of the staff have been importing books through this firm and have found difficulties raised by the Post Office Officials, who state that they have no instructions to allow such books to enter, and that they are unaware that Sotheran & Co. have the license referred to.

The Officials further state that such license to Sotheran & Co. to import books is only valid for

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Great Britain, and that the Dominion Government should issue a similar license or permit Sotheran & Co.'s license to be operative also in Canada.

I think it is necessary to have the Commissioner of Customs instruct the Post Office Officials, in order to prevent trouble on this score to the staff.

I may add that the license of the British Board of Trade to Sotheran & Co. reads, as follows,-

"Now the Board of Trade, on behalf of his Majesty, do hereby authorise and permit the said Henry Sotheran & Co. to purchase, import and contract the carriage for any quantity of Philosophical, Scientific, Technical and Educational books and Official Publications of the Imperial German Government, printed in German, and to take delivery of the same in the United Kingdom."

I am,

Yours sincerely,

A. B. Macallum

ABM/CC.

January 31st, 1916

Professor A. E. Macallum,

Chairman, Board of Graduate Studies.

Dear Professor Macallum:

I am sending you a letter from Professor Young with regard to his resignation from the Board of Graduate Studies. I have written to Professor Young, but will you kindly have his name removed from the list in accordance with his request.

Yours sincerely,

President.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE CONJOINT COMMITTEE FROM MCGILL AND
TORONTO, REGARDING HIGHER QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEDICAL DEGREES.

The undersigned constituted the Toronto membership of the Con-joint Committee from the Medical Faculties of Toronto and McGill, to consult regarding the lengthening of the course for the degree in Medicine.

The Medical Faculty of McGill University was represented by Professors Ruttan and Armstrong.

This Conjoint Committee met in Toronto on January 15th, 1916, and considered the proposal to institute a Six Years' Course, and also the alternative proposal, to exact a pre-medical year of all students entering upon the study of Medicine in either University.

The findings of the Conjoint Committee may be summarized as follows:-

1. That a pre-medical year be added to the regular five years' Course now given.

2. That this pre-medical year to be taken after Matriculation is completed, is to be devoted to the Sciences, Physics, Chemistry and Biology and literary subjects such as English, French or German.

3. That the course of instruction shall include:

Physics 3 Lectures, 4-6 hrs. Laboratory per week.

Chemistry 3 " 6 " "

Biology 3 " 6 " "

English, French or German, 4 lectures, making a total of 13 lectures and six laboratory periods of 2-3 hours per week.

4. That the above course may be taken at any College, University or Collegiate Institute whose equipment and staff meet with the

approval of Toronto and McGill Universities.

5. That a degree of B.Sc. in Medical Sciences be given at the end of the Third Year to those students, who, in addition to the regular work of the First, Second and Third Year, have taken a special course or done extra laboratory work in one of the subjects of the Medical Course, e.g. Anatomy, Physiology or Biological Chemistry. The B.Sc. requirements to be so graded that about 50% of the candidates may obtain it.

6. That the curriculum of the first two years of the regular Medical Course to be so modified that the last three years will be free for clinical work, Pathology, Hygiene, Medical Jurisprudence, Medicine, Surgery and Obstetrics.

7. That this come into effect for all students beginning their course in 1918.

It was shown in the course of debate that nearly all the leading Universities and the State Medical Boards of the United States now require, or are about to require, four years in High School, (we require three), two years, each of 36 weeks, in a University or College studying the fundamental Sciences, and four years in a Medical School, or, apart from the four years in the High School, six years in all. Six years of 36 weeks in a University after four years in a High School or Collegiate Institute is the standard of the first rank Medical School of the United States.

In Toronto and McGill only five years of 28 weeks each is exacted of each student, after Matriculation is completed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) A.B. Macallum,

D.J. Gibb Wisbart.

The above report was presented at the Annual Conference between the Universities of McGill and Toronto and the following action was taken:-

(a) The first four clauses were recommended for acceptance on a resolution moved by Professor Chipman of McGill and seconded by Professor Wishart of Toronto.

(b) Clause 5 was thought by the Conference to be ambiguous and it was decided to recommend, on motion of Professor Ruttan of McGill, seconded by Professor Brodie of Toronto, that the following amended form be recommended for adoption:-

"That the degree of B.Sc. in Medical Sciences be given at the end of the Second Year of the straight Medical Course to those students who in addition to the regular work of the First and Second Years of the Medical Course, have done special work in the subjects of Anatomy, Physiology or Biological Chemistry, the B.Sc. requirements to be so graded that about 50% of the candidates may obtain it."

(c) Clauses 6 and 7 were recommended for adoption on motion of Professor Wishart of Toronto, seconded by Professor Lafleur of McGill.

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Toronto, Feb. 25th, /16.

President R.A. Falconer, C.M.G., Litt.D., &c.

The University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President,-

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have addressed to the Superintendent, which explains itself.

Motton, the caretaker, has become alarmed at what he has found in his inspection of the Building recently and because he is unable to locate the persons who are responsible for the same.

The difficulty is greatly enhanced by the increase in the number of servants in the Building recently, some of whom do not regard themselves as amenable to control in such matters by me or him.

I may add that the Medical Building is perhaps the most inflammable of all the University Buildings, not even excepting the old School of Science.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

A. B. Macallum

ABM/CC.

Toronto, Feb. 25th, /16.

The Superintendent,

The University.

Sir:-

There is in the boiler room of the Medical Building a great litter of boxes, excelsior, paper and other inflammable material, in which a fire once started could not be controlled.

The major part of this litter has been collecting there for months from shipments of goods and apparatus to the various Departments housed in the Building, and especially the Hygienic Department.

The burnt ends of cigarettes have been picked up in close proximity to this litter, and this suggests a possibility, that I think should concern all those whose duty it is to look after the University property.

I am informed also that when fire is started in what serves now as an incinerator the downward sweep of the air at first may, and has on several occasions, driven the flames out towards the litter.

It is urgently necessary that this litter should be removed and that any new boxes or packing should be carried away to some place where there is no danger of a fire starting from it.

The possibility of fire in the Building is indicated not only by what I said concerning cigarettes, but also from the habit of certain of the servants (who they are I cannot determine) smoking and throwing matches about in parts of the Building that are not usually frequented by myself or Motton. He has, for example, found burnt matches littering the board walk in the top of the Building between the mansard roof and the uppermost ceiling, where there was not the slightest excuse for using matches.

I have instructed Motton to watch daily here for any evidence of the further use of matches or for any instances of smoking on the part of anybody in such places.

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I am sending a copy of this letter to the President because I wish to be on record with him, as anxious to prevent the possibility of any fire whatever.

I am,

Yours very truly,

ABM/CC.

University of Toronto,

April 22nd, 1916.

Professor A. B. Macallum

Chairman, Board of Graduate Studies

Sir:

The Committee appointed by the Board to suggest a form for the announcement of the courses for the Syllabus desires to submit the following recommendations:

(1) That the list of groups as given on pages 188 and 189 of the University Calendar for 1915-1916 be abolished, and that it be replaced by the following statement:-

"Courses leading to the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy are offered in the following Departments of the University of Toronto:
.....
..... etc.,

(2) That the announcement under the various departments conform as nearly as possible to the following plan:

(a) General Regulations of the Department.

e. g. requisites, nature of investigation and standard required, any regulations as to work in the different years, etc.

(b) Announcement of the subjects offered as Majors.

e. g. (Department of Geology)

Geology
Economic Geology
Palaeontology

(c) Announcement of subjects recommended as Minors.

This statement may take the following form.

"The following Minors are recommended for candidates taking a Major in this Department:-

Chemistry (A)		Latin (C)
or		or
Greek (B)	and	French (D)
or		or
Philosophy (A)		History (A)"

Statement may be made individually for each

e. g., Department of Classics

- 1 Greek Minors recommended as above
- 11 Latin Minors recommended as above.

(d) Any special restrictions in the choice of Minors, e. g.,

"Candidates in Chemistry are not allowed to select Mathematics (D) as a Minor"

Note: It is to be understood that these minors are recommended in order to give candidates a definite idea of the requirements in this respect. The recommendations do not preclude the possibility of other minors being arranged by consultation between the candidate and the Department involved. It is to be understood also that no major Department shall indicate a minor in another Department differing from those announced by that Department. Major Departments requiring special minors in other Departments should pre-arrange the announcement with the minor Department concerned.

In this connection the Committee is of the opinion that it would be advisable to insert the following clause in the general regulations preceding the departmental descriptions:-

"In the following announcement certain courses are recommended as suitable Minors to accompany Major subjects. These recommendations do not prohibit other Minors being arranged between the candidate and the Departments concerned."

(e) Announcement of courses offered, thus:-

Graduate and Undergraduate Courses.

- (1) Philology--short description-hours involved-Professor?
- (2) -----
- (3) ----- etc.

Graduate Courses

- (4) Greek History--short description-hours involved,-Professor?
- (5) -----
- (6) ----- etc.

(f) The following minors are offered in this Department:-

- A-Courses 1, 3, and 7
- B-Courses 3, 8, and 11
- C-Courses 5, 7, and 9, etc.

Appended is a copy of the circular letter issued by the Committee on April 18th, and a synopsis of the answers received from fourteen departments. The above suggestions are in accord with a large majority of these answers and express the almost unanimous opinion of the members of the Committee.

